



## A Small Idea, Part 2

I have my own idea, which I hope everyone will think is a good one. A wealthy friend tells me that a one year old child is a delicious and healthy food. You can cook them or boil them. They can make a good steak or soup. A one year old can make enough food for two or three big meals. Wealthy people or politicians would pay at least \$100 for a one year old baby. They have taken so much from poor countries, they will be happy to take a little more.

This is a good idea for many reasons. Poor parents will have money for food and medicine. They can pay more taxes, so their government can pay the money it owes to rich countries. The wealthy will have a new, delicious dinner. A poor husband will take care of his wife when she is pregnant, because he can sell their baby for a lot of money.

This is the perfect solution to poverty around the world. No one can say they have a better solution. Don't talk to me about giving more money to people in poor countries. Don't say poor countries shouldn't owe rich countries any money. Don't talk about other solutions if they won't happen. I tried to think of different solutions, but none of them would work.

My idea can work. It can help poor people. I have no children, so it isn't to help me.

### Questions

1. What's Doctor Swift's idea to help poor people? Why does he think it's a good idea?
2. Do you think this is a good idea?
3. Do you think some countries have too many children? Too many poor people?
4. What is a better way to help poor people and poor countries?
5. Why do you think the writer wrote this story? What kind of person is Doctor Swift?